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98/5. UNDP/UNFPA Reports to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the reports to the Economic and Social Council (DP/1998/14 and Corr.1 and DP/FPA/1998/2 and Corr.1 (French only)) and of the recommendations therein and decides to transmit them to the Economic and Social Council, together with the comments made by delegations and statements and answers given by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund at the present session;

2. Calls on the Administrator and Executive Director to provide in future reports to the Economic and Social Council: a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned in the field; a focus on issues that will permit the Council to fulfil its coordinating role; and, in this context, to present relevant statistical data in a consolidated manner;

3. Invites the Administrator and Executive Director to consult with other members of the United Nations Development Group on a consolidated list of issues central to the improved coordination of operational activities for submission to and consideration by the Economic and Social Council during its 1998 substantive session;

4. Also invites the Economic and Social Council to recommend, at its 1998 substantive session, actions intended to increase the usefulness of these reports as inputs to the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council, as called for in General Assembly resolution 48/162, by inter alia, considering whether any issues in the current format are suitable for joint recommendations by the funds and programmes.

24 April 1998

98/6. UNFPA technical support services

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the Report on an Assessment of the Technical Support Services (TSS) Specialist Posts at Headquarters and Regional Levels (an independent evaluation report prepared for the United Nations Population Fund in 1997) and of the report of the Executive Director on the UNFPA technical support services system (DP/FPA/1997/16), submitted to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1997, and in light of Executive Board decision 97/27;

2. Authorizes the continued funding of the TSS specialist posts until 31 December 1999 as proposed in document DP/FPA/1997/16;

3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to continue actively to seek workable solutions to the concerns raised in the independent evaluation report in dialogue with partner organizations, in particular on coordination, accountability, the communication between the three

levels of the system and advocacy function of TSS specialists in the partner organizations;

4. Also requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to submit at the second regular session 1999 a brief progress report on the effectiveness of the improvements that have been implemented in the operation of the TSS system since the third regular session 1997;

5. Invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, in light of the recommendations arising from the ICPD+5 process and in consultation with partner agencies, to develop future options for (a) providing specialist support and advice to country support teams and country programmes through arrangements that utilize the best expertise available within the United Nations system and from other sources and (b) enhancing the involvement and contribution of relevant United Nations specialized agencies in taking forward and promoting the ICPD agenda;

6. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to present these proposals in a report, including an analysis of the financial and budgetary aspects, to the Executive Board at its third regular session in 1999.

24 April 1998

98/7. Resource mobilization strategy for the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on Mobilizing Resources Now and for the Future: UNFPA's Strategy (DP/FPA/1998/CRP.2);

2. Invites the Executive Director to update the conference room paper on Mobilizing Resources Now and for the Future: UNFPA's Strategy (DP/FPA/1998/CRP.2) and to report to the Executive Board at its annual session 1998;

3. Requests the Executive Director to organize informal intersessional meetings of the Board with a view to reviewing various funding mechanisms for the United Nations Population Fund and also requests the Executive Director to report to the Board on progress made in the informal intersessional meetings with a view to adopting at its third regular session 1998 a decision on a sustainable funding strategy that will place the funding of the United Nations Population Fund on a predictable, assured and continuous basis so as to enable it to play a central role in the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

24 April 1998

98/8. Approval of recruitment of country representatives

The Executive Board

1. Recalls Executive Board decision 97/26;

2. Takes note of the Executive Director's comments together with the comments made by delegations on this matter;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director of UNFPA to begin recruitment of seven country representatives, as proposed in decision 97/26, in line with the availability of resources;

4. Requests the Executive Director to table in writing a financial update to the Board at its annual session.

24 April 1998

98/9. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session 1998

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the second regular session 1998 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Approved the agenda and work plan for its second regular session 1998 (DP/1998/L.2) as orally amended;

Approved the report on the first regular session 1998 (DP/1998/12 and Corr.1);

Approved that part of the report on the second regular session (contained in documents DP/1998/L.15 and DP/1998/L.16) concerning the reports to the Economic and Social Council (DP/1998/14 and Corr.1 and DP/FPA/1998/2 and Corr.1 (French only));

Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 1998 and 1999 subject to the approval of the Committee on Conferences:

Annual session 1998:	8-19 June 1998 (Geneva)
Third regular session 1998:	14-18 September 1998
First regular session 1999:	25-29 January 1999
Second regular session 1999:	5-9 April 1999
Annual session 1998:	14-25 June 1999 (New York)
Third regular session 1999:	13-17 September 1999

Agreed to the subjects to be discussed at the annual session 1998 of the Board, as listed in the annexed work plan;

UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 2: REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Adopted decision 98/5 of 24 April 1998 on the reports to the Economic and Social Council;

UNDP SEGMENT

ITEM 3: COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED MATTERS

Took note of the report on the three-year financial forecast outlining the financial commitments as of 31 December 1997 (DP/1998/CRP.6);

Approved the following country cooperation frameworks and country programme extensions:

I

First country cooperation framework for Côte d'Ivoire (DP/CCF/IVC/1);
First country cooperation framework for Gambia (DP/CCF/GAM/1);
First country cooperation framework for Guinea (DP/CCF/GUI/1);
First country cooperation framework for Mali (DP/CCF/MLI/1 and Corr.1 (English only));
First country cooperation framework for Rwanda (DP/CCF/RWA/1);
First country cooperation framework for Togo (DP/CCF/TOG/1);
First extension of the fifth country programme for Niger (DP/CP/NER/5/EXTENSION I);

II

First country cooperation framework for Bahrain (DP/CCF/BAH/1);

III

First country cooperation framework for Albania (DP/CCF/ALB/1);

IV

First country cooperation framework for Bolivia (DP/CCF/BOL/1);
First country cooperation framework for the Turks and Caicos Islands (DP/CCF/TCI/1);
Second extension of the third country programme for Antigua and Barbuda (DP/CP/ANT/3/EXTENSION II);
Second extension of the fifth country programme for Haiti (DP/CP/HAI/5/EXTENSION II);

UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 4: UNFPA: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

Approved the following country programmes:

I

Assistance to the Government of Botswana (DP/FPA/BWA/3);
Assistance to the Government of Cameroon (DP/FPA/CMR/3);
Assistance to the Government of Equatorial Guinea (DP/FPA/GNQ/3);
Assistance to the Government of Ethiopia (DP/FPA/ETH/4);
Assistance to the Government of Gabon (DP/FPA/GAB/3);
Assistance to the Government of Guinea-Bissau (DP/FPA/GNB/3);
Assistance to the Government of Lesotho (DP/FPA/LSO/3);
Assistance to the Government of Mali (DP/FPA/MLI/4);
Assistance to the Government of Mauritania (DP/FPA/MRT/4);
Assistance to the Government of Mozambique (DP/FPA/MOZ/5);
Assistance to the Government of Niger (DP/FPA/NER/4);
Assistance to the Government of Rwanda (DP/FPA/RWA/4);
Assistance to the Government of Sao Tome and Principe (DP/FPA/STP/3);
Assistance to the Government of South Africa (DP/FPA/ZAF/1);
Assistance to the Government of Swaziland (DP/FPA/SWZ/3);

II

Assistance to the Government of Jordan (DP/FPA/JOR/5);
Assistance to the Government of Yemen (DP/FPA/YEM/2);

III

Assistance to the Government of Bangladesh (DP/FPA/BGD/5);
Assistance to the Government of Bhutan (DP/FPA/BTN/3);
Assistance to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/FPA/PRK/3);
Extension of assistance to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (DP/FPA/IRN/2/EXT1);
Assistance to the Government of Maldives (DP/FPA/MDV/2);
Assistance to the Government of Papua New Guinea (DP/FPA/PNG/2);
Assistance to the Government of Thailand (DP/FPA/THA/7);

IV

Assistance to the Government of Bolivia (DP/FPA/BOL/2);
Assistance to the Government of Brazil (DP/FPA/BRA/2);
Assistance to the Government of Colombia (DP/FPA/COL/3);

ITEM 5: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Took note of the oral report on the criteria and mechanisms for budget adjustments in the event of any significant shortfall in income (97/26);

Adopted decision 98/8 of 24 April 1998 on approval of recruitment of UNFPA country representatives;

ITEM 6: TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Adopted decision 98/6 of 24 April 1998 on UNFPA technical support services;

ITEM 7: STAFF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Took note of the oral report on the implementation of evaluation recommendations (97/29) on UNFPA staff training activities;

ITEM 8: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Adopted decision 98/7 of 24 April 1998 on a resource mobilization strategy for the United Nations Population Fund;

ITEM 9: OTHER MATTERS

Took note of the progress report on change management;

Confirmed the nomination of Botswana from the African Group to represent the Executive Board on the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health;

Took note of the presentation of the Chairman of the Commission on Social Development.

24 April 1998

Table 1. Annual session 1998 (8-19 June 1998)
(10 working days)

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
1				ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
	Official (DP/1998/L.3)	A		Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents/work plan
	Official	A		Report on the second regular session 1998 Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session 1998
				UNFPA SEGMENT
2	Official	I	1½ days	REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1997 Introduction by the Executive Director Programme priorities and implementation Resource mobilization Global Contraceptive Commodity Programme/Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements Regional overview Statistical annex
17	Oral/CRP	A		UNFPA RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY
3	Official	A	½ day	ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCE UTILIZATION (96/27)
4	Official	A	½ day	WORK PLAN AND REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
5	Official	I	½ day	PERIODIC REPORT ON EVALUATION

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
6				INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY
	Oral	I	½ day	Implementation of decision 97/13
7	Oral	I		REPORT ON STATUS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
				UNDP SEGMENT
8				ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
	Official	A		Introduction by the Administrator
	Official	A		Main programme record, including reporting on special funds
	Official	I	2 days	Assistance to the Palestinian people
	Official	I		The United Nations New Agenda for Development in Africa and the Special Initiative for Africa
	Official	I		Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
	Official	I		Statistical annex
	CRP	I		UNDP 2001: Follow-up to decision 97/15 para 16 (Interim report on subregional resource facilities(SURFs))

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
9	Official	I	½ day	Follow-up to the United Nations Reform, including transfer to the United Nations Development Programme of the responsibilities of the Emergency Relief Coordinator for natural disaster mitigation, prevention and preparedness
10	Official	I	½ day	EVALUATION
11	Official	I/A	½ day	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS
12	CRP		½ day	RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (including review of round-table process)
13	Official		½ day	COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED MATTERS (including assistance to Myanmar)
14			½ day	COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION POLICY
	Official	I		Follow-up to decision 97/17 (para 10)
15				UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES
	Official	A	½ day	Report on the United Nations Office for Project Services (96/33)
	Official			Report on follow-up to recommendations of the Board of Auditors on UNOPS (97/23)

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
				UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT
16	Oral	I	½ day	Reports on internal oversight
18			½ day	OTHER MATTERS, including:
				- Briefing on UNAIDS
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* **NOTE:** A Special Event on 1998 State of World Population report will be organized by UNFPA for half a day.

Abbreviations: A = action; CRP = conference room paper; I = information; and ICPD = International Conference on Population and Development.